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GENEALOGY.

THE BROOKE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

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Answers to queries on pages 316-17 of January (1902) number of this MAGAZINE—continued.

This writer has information of five Humphreys Brooke who were born in Virginia and lived in that Colony during the eighteenth century, four of whom were contemporaries. They were:

1. Humphrey who was the husband of Elizabeth Braxton at least as early as June 30th, 1725, and we know not how much earlier. He was "my Loving brother Humphrey" mentioned by Robert Brooke (one of the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe") in his will which was published in the last April number of this MAGAZINE. He is said to have died in the year 1738.

2. Humphrey, the son of the Knight of the Golden Horseshoe, and mentioned in the latter's will. He died a bachelor, or widower without children, between 1758 and 1763.

3. Humphrey of Fauquier, brother of George of Mantapike, married, first, Ann Whiting, second, Mildred ——— (?). Said to have been born in 1728, died 1802.

4. Humphrey Booth, son of Robert who was the oldest son of Robert, the Knight of the Golden Horseshoe. He married Sally ——— (?). He was certainly living and a married man in 1791.

5. Humphrey, son of Robert and grandson of Humphrey and Elizabeth Braxton, and nephew of Humphrey of Fauquier and of George of Mantapike. He was the midshipman in the British Navy. He was born about 1752, died about 1840. He lived at "Oaklands," near Winchester. He married Sally Page, *nota bene*. One Humphrey was living in Williamsburg in 1752.

QUERIE. The writer has seen the statement that Carter Braxton married a daughter of William Brooke. Can any one say whether this statement is correct?

Johnston, in his *Memorials of Virginia Clerks*, says Francis Brooke, second clerk of Fauquier county, was afterwards one of the judges of the Court of Appeals. That is all wrong. The judge of the Court of Appeals was Francis Taliaferro Brooke, of whom hereafter.

DOCUMENTS CONTINUED.

At a Court held for Essex Co. at Tappahannock on the 19th day of March Anno Domini 1744. This last will and Testament of Robert

Brooke Gent dec'd [printed in April, 1902, MAGAZINE] was presented in Court by the Rev'd Robert Rose, Clerk, and William Beverley, Esqr, two of the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto and there being no witness the subscribing thereto. The Rev'd Robert Rose made oath that the said Robert Brooke delivered the said will to him and declared it to be his last will and Testament, soon after it was wrote, and desired him to keep it, and it had remained in his custody ever since, and the justices on viewing thereof were satisfied that it was all wrote by the same Robert Brooke's own hand, whereupon it was ordered to be recorded, and a certificate was granted to the said Robert and William for obtaining a probate thereto in due form.

Teste: JOHN LEE.

Will Book No. 7 Essex Co. Court House.

Will of William Brooke, the elder, 2nd son of Robert Brooke, Junr., Will Book No. 11, page 389.

In the name of God, This is the last will of William Brooke the elder of the Co. of Essex, Gent. I will and devise all my lands in the Co. of Orange and all my rights and title to the same to my executors hereafter mentioned, to be by them sold for the most that can be got and my desire is that the money arising from the sale be applied to the payment of my debts.

Item. I give to my dear wife all the slaves and their increase, which I got by her during her life, only in lieu of the dower, and after her death, I give the said slaves and their increase, to my daughter Sukey and to my unborn child, equally to be divided between them, at my wife's death as aforesaid to them and their heirs forever. I give to my son William Brooke, the four following slaves and their present and future increase, to-wit: Cooper, Newman, Jenny and Will, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my daughter Phoebe the following slaves together with their present and future increase, to-wit: Sam, Isaac, Lucy, Winney and Jenny to her and her heirs forever. My will is that all my personal estate whatever be sold by my executors and the money arising from sale to be applied to the payment of my debts and if the money arising from the sale of my land should not be sufficient, what remains over to be equally divided among all my children. I appoint my brother Robert Brooke Guardian to my son William and I appoint my Cousin William Brooke and Mr. Andrew Anderson guardians to my daughter Phoebe. I also appoint my wife guardian to her own children. I constitute and appoint my brother Robert Brooke and Capt. John Rowzee Executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this twenty-first day of October, 1761.

WILLIAM BROOKE.

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of

Mary Jinkes, Pitman Clements, Al. Rose.

(In lieu of her dower first interlined.)

At a court held for Essex Co. Tappahannock, on the 16th day of November, 1761. This last will and testament was sworn to by the Executors therein named. Proved by Pitman Clements and Alexander Rose two of the witnesses thereto and admitted to Record.

Teste: JOHN LEE, JUNR., Clk.

Will of John Taliaferro, Will Book No. 3, page 157, Essex Co.

To son Lawrence the plantation he now liveth on, together with land thereto belonging, to him and his heirs forever, also three negroes named Cain, Grats and Bert, now in his possession. To son John the plantation whereon he now liveth, to daughter Mary a ring of twenty shillings value, to daughter Elizabeth, seventy and eight pounds. Son Charles, Son Zachariah, Son Robert, Son Richard, Son William and Wife, heirs, viz: Charles, Sarah, Robert, Zachariah, Catherine, Richard and William, his personal and negroes to be divided between the above named.

Date 1st day of June, 1715, in the 5th year of our Sovereign Lord George.

JOHN TALIAFERRO.

At a Court held for Essex on Tuesday ye 21st day of June, 1720. This Will was presented in Court by Robert Taliaferro and Zachariah Taliaferro Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and being farther proved by the oath of Henry Brine a witness thereto and also made oath that he saw John Sutton (who is now dead) another of the witnesses sign the same, is admitted to record.

Teste. WILLIAM BEVERLEY, Clk.

At a Court held for Essex Co. at Tappahannock on the 19th day of November, 1764. This last Will and Testament of William Brooke dec'd was this day presented in Court and proved by the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and at a Court Continued and held for the same County at Tappahannock on the 21st day of May Anno Domini 1765 was presented in Court by John Rose Gent, one of the Executors herein named who made oath thereto according to law, and on his motion having performed what the law in the like cases require, Certificate is Granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, and at a Court held for the said Co. at Tappahannock on the 18th day of May, 1767, this Will was again presented in Court by Anne Brooke the Executrix herein named who made oath thereto according to Law which is allowed to be certified.

Test: JOHN LEE, JUNR., Clk.

Will Book No. 12 Essex Co. Court House.

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